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For: ELECTRONIC APPARATUS HAVING PUSH BUTTONS ON THE HOUSING

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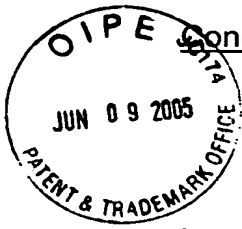
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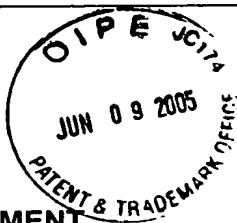
APPENDIX



Concise Explanation

Abstract of Chinese Patent No. CN 2479623, Structure of A Microswitch

The structure of a microswitch includes a switch panel and a protruding push bottom connected to the switch panel. The feature is that the crescent connecting strips at either side of the push bottom and the switch panel are made as a single body. The preferred embodiment of the invention includes one casting mode to produce the push bottom, the connecting strip, and the switch panel. The preferred embodiment also includes an ornamental coating on the push bottom. This new model of the crescent connecting strip is useful because of a certain degree of flexibility based on the narrow strip form. The flexibility of the crescent connecting strip allows the push bottom to revert back to the original position when the center push bottom is pushed down and released; hence no need to install spring under the push bottom. In the meantime, this structure can be easily produced by one casting mode which simplifies manufacture and equipment.



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